### DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

1999/2000 Legislative Session

# B. PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS REGULATIONS BY DCA BOARD, BUREAU, & PROGRAM

### 1) ACCOUNTANCY, BOARD OF

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AB 1677 Assembly Consumer Protection	Board Issues/ Sunset Extension	Chapter 657 Statutes of 1999
	Changes the name of the Board to the California Board of Accountancy and makes other technical changes regarding license renewal. Extends the sunset date of the Board by one year to 2001.	
AB 2889 Assembly Consumer Protection	Board Issues	Chapter 1055 Statutes of 2000
	<b>Effective 9/30/00,</b> corrects code references to reflect the name change from the State Board of Accountancy to the California Board of Accountancy, and makes various non-controversial technical changes to various statues.	
SB 1306 Senate Business & Professions	Board: Sunset Extension	Chapter 656 Statutes of 1999
	Extends the sunset date for the Board by one year to 2002.	
SB 1863 Senate Business & Professions	Board Issues	Chapter 1054 Statutes of 2000
	Authorizes the California Board of Accountancy to take disciplinary action against persons who it suspects have cheated or subverted a licensing examination. This statute also contains provisions relating to architects and landscape architects.	
	(2) ACUPUNCTURE BOARD	
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AB 1105 Jackson	Board Issues: Practical Exam	Chapter 67 Statutes of 1999
	Eliminates the Acupuncture Board's authority to conduct a practical exam and substitutes the development of a written examination. In addition, the statute contains provisions relating to the Smog Check	

AB 2888 Assembly	Board Issues: Acupuncture Students	Chapter 568 Statutes of 2000
Consumer Protection	Increases the period of license exemption for specified acupuncture students, and corrects code references to reflect the Board's new	0.000

SB 466	Acupuncture: Scope of Practice	Vetoed
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Would have expanded the scope of practice for acupuncturists by authorizing them to use lasers, magnets, and animal and mineral products as treatment modalities.

SB 1308 Senate Business & Professions

#### **Board Issues**

Chapter 655 Statutes of 1999

Changes the name of the Board to be Acupuncture Board, rather than Acupuncture Committee, and makes other changes to the Board's licensing and enforcement authority.

(3) ARCHITECTS BOARD

AB 1678 Assembly Consumer Protection

### **Board Issues**

Chapter 982 Statutes of 1999

Renames the Board of Architectural Examiners as the Architects Board and enhances the Board's enforcement authority.

AB 1916 Bates

### **Architects**

Vetoed

Would have authorized the Architects Board to register business entities providing architectural services (firms), and required those entities to have a licensed architect in responsible control over those services.

SB 1863 Senate Business & Professions

### **Enforcement and Licensing**

Chapter 1054 Statutes of 2000

Increases penalties and fines for unlicensed practice by architects and landscape architects, deletes the provisions allowing temporary certificates to out-of-state landscape architects, and allows the Landscape Architects Technical Committee to waive the written examination requirement under specified conditions.

### (4) ATHLETIC COMMISSION

AB 52 Cedillo

#### **Boxing Event Fees**

Chapter 436 Statutes of 2000

Caps the Athletic Commission's gate tax on boxing events at \$100,000, and requires 50 percent of any boxing event gate tax over \$70,000 to go to the boxers' pension fund.

AB 2937 Cedillo

### **Athletic Event Fees**

Failed in Assembly Governmental Organization

Committee

Would have capped the Commission's gate tax on athletic events at \$50,000.

SB 2028 Figueroa

### Commission: Sunset Review

Chapter 393 Statutes of 2000

Extends the sunset date for the Athletic Commission by four years to 2005.

### (5) AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, BUREAU OF (See also Smog Check Program)

AB 159 Floyd

### **Vehicle Dealers: Licensure Exemptions**

Chapter 230 Statutes of 1999

Requires a written examination for individuals selling used vehicles on a retail or wholesale basis only, and expressly excludes automobile dismantlers, motorcycle dealers, and trailer dealers. This statute also excludes from the total advertised price of the vehicle, emission testing fees not exceeding \$50 and the actual fees charged for the certificates pursuant to statute.

#### AB 342 Cox

### **Automobile Dismantlers: Definition**

Chapter 316 Statutes of 1999

Sets greater restrictions on the exemption from being classified as an automobile dismantler by ensuring that those exempted businesses do not engage in actions, such as the selling of vehicle parts, characteristically done by a licensed dismantler.

#### SB 214 Polanco

### **Bureau of Automotive Repair Advisory Committee**

Failed in Assembly Consumer Protection Committee

Would have created a nine-member advisory committee within the Bureau of Automotive Repair, and would have specified the composition and duties of the committee.

### SB 1146 Burton

### **Motor Vehicle Diagnostic and Repair Information**

Chapter 1077 Statutes of 2000

Requires vehicle manufacturers to provide emissions-related diagnostic and repair information to automotive repair dealers and aftermarket parts and tool companies.

#### SB 1307 Senate Business & Professions

#### **Bureau Issues**

Chapter 983 Statutes of 1999

Requires automotive repair dealers to also identify members and trustees as persons who control or conduct the business of the automotive repair dealer.

### SB 1988 Speier

### **Insurance and Autobody Fraud**

Chapter 867 Statutes of 2000

Among other things, requires the Bureau of Automotive Repair to establish a pilot program to inspect vehicles for autobody repair fraud and prepare a report to the Legislature. Also, requires automobile insurers to provide policyholders with a consumer bill of rights.

### (6) BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY, BUREAU OF

### AB 1427 Wiggins

### Facials: Licensure Exception

Withdrawn by Author

Would have exempted persons performing noninvasive facials from licensure under the Barbering and Cosmetology Act, provided specified massage training was completed.

#### AB 2888 Assembly Consumer Protection

#### Bureau Issues

Chapter 568
Statutes of 2000

Makes numerous technical amendments to the Barbering and Cosmetology Act and renames the former board as the Bureau of Barbering and Cosmetology.

### SB 235 Haynes

### **Hair Braiding: Licensure Exemption**

Chapter 37
Statutes of 2000

Exempts hair braiding and wig styling from licensure requirements under the Barbering and Cosmetology Practice Act.

SB 1134 Karnette	Independent Contractors/Booth Renters	Withdrawn by Author	
Karnette	Would have set forth independent contractor guidelines for booth renters doing independent contract work in barbering and cosmetology settings.	Addition	
SB 1307	Bureau Issues	Chapter 983	
Senate Business & Professions	Authorizes the Bureau of Barbering and Cosmetology, among other things, to establish separate fees for each of its licensing processes.	Statutes of 1999	
	(7) BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, BOARD OF		
AB 253	Licensing: Curriculum	Chapter 406	
Thomson	Requires all marriage, family, and child counselor applicants who begin graduate study on or after January 1, 2001 to also complete specified course work in psychopharmacology.	Statutes of 1999	
AB 352	Licensing: Disciplinary Information	Chapter 252 Statutes of 1999	
Migden	Adds the Board of Behavioral Sciences to the list of state boards that are required to create and maintain a disciplinary central file, and expands the definition of a peer review body to include any professional society of marriage and family therapy and social work.		
AB 416	Medical Information Disclosure	Chapter 527 Statutes of 1999	
Machado	Prohibits the release of patient outpatient psychotherapy information by a health care provider unless the party requesting the information submits a formal request, as specified.		
AB 1677	Board Issues	Chapter 657 Statutes of 1999	
Assembly Consumer Protection	Requires supervised experience to be gained under a Board-approved licensed mental health professional and establishes standards for record keeping.		
AB 2161 Vincent	Marriage and Family Therapist Interns	Chapter 519 Statutes of 2000	
	Adds registered marriage and family therapist interns to the list of professionals authorized to provide mental health treatment to minors, as defined, without parental consent. Also, allows these interns to have access to relevant portions of the mental health records of their clients as determined by a supervising marriage and family therapist.		
AB 2374 Lempert	Peer Review: Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Social Workers	Chapter 136 Statutes of 2000	
	Includes marriage and family therapists and clinical social workers in the group of professionals protected under peer review confidentiality.		

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**Child Custody Evaluators/Investigators** SB 433

> Requires the Judicial Council to establish the education, experience, and training requirements for court-appointed child custody investigators by January 2002, and requires child custody evaluators,

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after January 1, 2005, to be licensed psychiatrists, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, clinical social workers, or evaluators certified by the courts.

#### SB 809 O'Connell

### **Disciplinary Actions: Statute of Limitations**

Requires the Board of Behavioral Sciences to file accusations against marriage, family and child counselors, and clinical social workers within three years after discovery of the act or omission alleged as grounds for disciplinary action, or within seven years after the act or omission occurs, whichever occurs first. Also, specifies that the aforementioned statute of limitations does not apply to accusations alleging procurement of a license by fraud or misrepresentation, and that when an allegation involves a minor, the seven-year time limit shall not begin until the minor reaches the age of majority.

#### Chapter 459 Statutes of 1999

### SB 1308 Senate Business & Professions

#### **Board Issues**

Makes numerous technical changes to the Board of Behavioral Sciences' licensing authority.

#### Chapter 655 Statutes of 1999

### SB 1554 Senate Business & Professions

#### **Board Issues**

Makes numerous changes to Board of Behavioral Sciences' licensing and enforcement authority including notification of a criminal conviction, reciprocity standards, and unprofessional conduct.

### Chapter 836 Statutes of 2000

Chapter 241

Statutes of 1999

### (8) CEMETERY AND FUNERAL BUREAU

#### AB 1379 Granlund

## <u>Funeral Directors and Embalmers: Continuing Education and Preneed Trusts</u>

Repeals the continuing education requirements for funeral directors and embalmers and authorizes the trustee of a preneed funeral trust fund to pay taxes on the earnings of the trust on behalf of the consumer. Prohibits using the trust corpus to pay the taxes on the earnings.

#### AB 2079 Granlund

### Preneed Funeral Arrangements

Revises the income basis on which the administrative fee for preneed funeral trusts is calculated and preserves the authority of the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau to determine the fee cap for administrative charges.

### Chapter 757 Statutes of 2000

#### AB 2279 Dutra

### Cremated Remains: Licensing and Enforcement

Specifies conditions for the removal, storage, and maintenance of cremated remains by licensees of the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau. The statute provides for disciplinary action against a cremated remains disposer who makes a willful and material false statement on the annual report.

### Chapter 276 Statutes of 2000

#### AB 2888 Assembly Consumer Protection

### **Bureau Issues**

Makes numerous technical non-controversial amendments to various sections of the Business and Professions Code covering cemeteries

## Chapter 568 Statutes of 2000

#### Protection

and funeral homes. The majority of the bill contains technical amendments to the Cemetery and Funeral Act to reflect the name change to Cemetery and Funeral Bureau.

#### SB 954 Karnette

### **Public Cemetery Authorities: Construction Standards**

Statutes of 1999

Chapter 207

Requires public cemeteries to comply with the columbarium construction and repair standards that apply to private cemeteries.

### SB 2096 Poochigan

### **Cemetery Districts**

Chapter 68 Statutes of 2000

Authorizes the Visalia Public Cemetery District to acquire and manage a mausoleum that was originally constructed in 1965. This is an exception to existing law, which precludes public cemetery districts from owning mausoleums built after 1937.

### (9) CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD

### AB 576 Honda

### **Mechanics' Liens**

#### Chapter 13 Statutes of 2000

As clean-up legislation that corrects a drafting error in SB 914 (Sher, Chapter 795, Statutes of 1999), this statute revises the notice that is filed by a contractor or material supplier with a property owner in order to enforce a mechanics' lien.

#### AB 742 Honda

### Mechanics' Liens: Recovery Fund Alternative

### Failed on Assembly Floor

Would have created a Contractor Default Recovery Fund to compensate contractors and material suppliers who provided labor or materials on residential works of improvement and were not paid by the prime contractor. The bill would have provided that a mechanics' lien may not be filed against an owner-occupied residential property where the owner had paid a prime contractor in full for a work of improvement.

### AB 952 Wiggins

### **Special Fraud Unit**

#### Vetoed

Would have created a major fraud investigation unit in the Contractors State License Board to enforce laws against the underground economy.

### AB 1206 Wesson

### Roadway Construction Contractors

### Chapter 708 Statutes of 1999

Requires the Contractors State License Board to issue specialty licenses to persons who engage in the preparation and removal of roadway construction zones, lane closures, or traffic diversions. The statute provides an exemption for contractors who are presently performing this work and who meet specified criteria.

#### AB 1304 Maddox

#### **Home Solicitation Contracts**

## Failed on Assembly Floor

Would have exempted licensed private investigators from Civil Code provisions that require home solicitation contracts to include a three-day right of rescission.

AB 1678 Assembly Consumer Protection	Board Issues  Among other things, raises the cap on delinquent license renewal fees to \$150, increases the statute of limitations on home improvement contract violations to four years, and requires the Contractors State License Board to report on contractors without workers' compensation insurance.	Chapter 982 Statutes of 1999
AB 1849 Wiggins	Special Fraud Unit  Would have created a major fraud investigation unit within the Contractors State License Board to enforce laws against the underground economy.	Failed in Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 2112 Dutra	Construction Defects  Would have expressed the Legislature's findings and declarations regarding the lack of affordable housing and construction defect litigation.	Held in Conference Committee
AB 2370 Honda	Contractors Criminal History Checks  Would have required all home improvement contractor and home improvement salesperson applicants licensed by the Contractors State License Board to submit fingerprints for criminal history checks by the Department of Justice.	Failed in Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 2833 Alquist	Licensing Information: Internet Disclosure  Would have required the Contractors State License Board to publish on its Internet website a listing of the names and business addresses of its licensed contractors and information regarding any disciplinary action, pending investigation, or dispute mediation against a licensee. The bill also would have required a new mediation process.	Withdrawn by Author
ACA 5 Honda	Mechanics' Liens: Single Family Residence Exemption  This Assembly Constitution Amendment would have exempted single-family, owner-occupied dwellings from the provisions of the mechanics' lien law if the owner had paid the prime contractor in full.	Failed in Assembly Judiciary Committee
SB 99 Hughes	Home Improvement Contracts: At-Risk Buyers  Would have required sellers of home improvement contracts to 1) assess the ability of a consumer to pay for the contract and 2) have those buyers who meet the criteria for "at-risk" to seek independent financial counseling.	Vetoed

# SB 187 Home Improvement Contracts Hughes Chapter 512 Statutes of 1999

Prohibits home improvement contracts from including a security interest in the buyer's residence if the buyer is a person 65 years of age or older. This statute also increases penalties for violations of existing law targeting home equity fraud.

#### SB 471 Solis

### Mechanics' Liens: Bond Alternative

Failed on Assembly Floor

Would have required property owners who contract for a work of improvement with a contract value of more than \$1 million to provide financial security for the project through a bond, letter of credit or deposit account. The bill would have exempted single-family residences and public works projects. This bill was intended to ensure that contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers and employees were paid for completed work in the event the owner of a construction project defaulted on his or her contract with the prime contractor.

### SB 914 Sher

### **Contractors: Express Trust Funds: Mechanics' Liens**

Chapter 795 Statutes of 1999

Re-establishes the right of employee benefit express trust funds to file claims on contractor's license bonds, and to file mechanics' lien claims against property owners for unpaid wages and fringe benefits the employer has failed to pay to the fund.

#### SB 989 Sher

### **Underground Pollution: MTBE**

Chapter 812 Statutes of 1999

Requires the Contractors State License Board to review its examination requirements for contractors who install and remove underground storage tanks; requires development of a timetable for eliminating the use of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) in motor vehicle fuel at the earliest possible date; increases the monitoring and containment requirements for certain tanks; and increases financial assistance for upgrading underground tanks.

### SB 1306 Senate Business & Professions

### **Board: Sunset Extension**

Chapter 656 Statutes of 1999

Extends the sunset date for the Contractors State License Board by one year to 2001.

### SB 1307 Senate Business & Professions

#### **Board Issues**

Chapter 983 Statutes of 1999

Makes a minor technical change regarding Contractors State License Board membership terms.

### SB 1524 Figueroa

### Surety Bonds

**Not Relevant** 

Before being amended, would have allowed homeowners to file a claim against a contractor's bond without having to first demonstrate that the contractor's actions were "willful and deliberate". The bill was amended to deal with an unrelated issue.

#### SB 2029 Figueroa

### **Board: Sunset Review**

Chapter 1005 Statutes of 2000

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This statute: 1) extends the sunset date of Contractors State License Board for two more years to 2003; 2) adds two additional public members; 3) establishes an independent enforcement program monitor; 4) requires numerous studies; and 5) makes other related changes.

### (10) COURT REPORTERS BOARD

**Shorthand Reporting Entities AB 2808** Chapter 334 Statutes of 2000 Papan Requires the Court Reporters Board of California to investigate complaints against shorthand reporting entities and report to the Legislature on the necessity of registering these entities. **SB 449 Transcription Fees** Vetoed Burton Would have changed the fees a court reporter could charge a party for an original printed copy and additional copies of court transcripts. SB 877 **Deposition Officers** Chapter 474 **McPherson** Statutes of 2000 Requires a deposition officer to offer the same services to all parties. **SB 1307 Board Issues** Chapter 983 Senate Statutes of 1999 Among other things, revises various Board Fees. **Business & Professions** Chapter 1007 SB 2032 **Board: Sunset Review** Statutes of 2000 **Figueroa** Extends the sunset date for the Court Reporters Board of California for four years until 2005. **SB 2090 Shorthand Reporting** Chapter 1009 Statutes of 2000 Murray Adds reporting of any court ordered hearing or arbitration to the scope of practice for court reporters, and specifies requirements for schools wishing to discontinue court reporter programs. (11) DENTAL BOARD **AB 58 HMOs: Medical Directors: California Licensure** Vetoed Davis Please see AB 58 on page 10 for summary. **AB 497 Dentists Offices** Chapter 224 Statutes of 2000 Gallegos Provides that the Dental Practice Act does not prohibit a dentist from maintaining more than one practice location if specified requirements are met.

## AB 552 <u>Outpatient Surgery: General Anesthesia</u> Thompson

**Oral Conscious Sedation** 

This statute extends, from January 1, 2000 to January 1, 2002, current law that authorizes a physician to administer general anesthesia in the office of a licensed dentist if the physician holds a general anesthesia permit issued by the Dental Board.

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This urgency statute delays, from January 1, 2000, to January 1, 2001, the implementation of AB 2006 (Keeley, Chapter 513, Statutes 1998)

Chapter 9
Statutes of 2000

Chapter 177

Statutes of 1999

**AB 869** 

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related to the administration of oral conscious sedation to a minor patient. **Urgency Statute Effective 4/6/00** 

### AB 900 Alquist

### **Peace Officers: Dental Board**

Authorizes the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs to designate 10 of the Department's investigators as peace officers who are assigned to the Investigations Unit of the Dental Board. Requires the Board to contract with an outside entity to conduct an independent study assessing the need for sworn peace officers in the Board's Investigation Unit.

### Chapter 840 Statutes of 1999

### AB 2394 Firebaugh

### **Cultural and Linguistic Competency Task Force**

Establishes the Task Force on Culturally and Linguistically Competent Physicians and Dentists to be chaired by the Directors of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Department of Health Services. The task force is required, among other things, to develop recommendations for a continuing education program for physicians and dentists. Also, establishes a subcommittee of the task force to study the feasibility of establishing a pilot program that would allow Mexican and Caribbean-licensed physicians and dentists to practice in nonprofit community health centers in California's medically underserved areas.

### Chapter 802 Statutes of 2000

### SB 585 Chesbro

### Clinical Laboratory Exams

Permits licensed nurse practitioners, licensed physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, and licensed dentists to perform clinical laboratory examinations classified as provider-performed microscopy under specified federal laws governing clinical laboratories.

### Chapter 70 Statutes of 1999

#### SB 1308 Senate Business & Professions

### **Board Issues**

Exempts specified dental students from licensure, changes the Board's name to the Dental Board, and enhances the Board's enforcement authority in various areas.

#### Chapter 655 Statutes of 1999

# (12) ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS, BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL

#### AB 1341 Granlund

#### **Land Surveying**

Exempts local law enforcement officials investigating a crime from the land surveyor licensure requirements. Specifies that this exemption does not permit the local law enforcement official to perform land surveying for any purpose other than determining or prosecuting a crime.

### Chapter 125 Statutes of 1999

#### AB 1342 Granlund

### Land Surveying

Requires every map, plot, report, description, or other document issued by a licensed land surveyor or civil engineer to include certain information, such as the bearing and length of lines, and the name and legal designation of the property depicted. Provides that a record

### Chapter 608 Statutes of 1999

of survey is not required when a survey is made of a mobilehome park interior lot, with certain exceptions. Requires the corner record to be a single sheet of paper.

#### AB 2249 Cox

### **Engineers: Civil Liability**

Would have specified that the responsibility of job site safety supervision shall not be assumed by, or attributed to, an engineer or engineering firm unless specified conditions are met.

### Failed in Assembly Consumer Protection Committee

#### AB 2505 Ashburn

### **Safety Engineers: Title Act Protection**

Would have re-established title protection for safety engineers, which was eliminated in 1998.

### Failed in Assembly Consumer Protection Committee

#### AB 2629 Cox

### **Code of Professional Conduct**

Authorizes the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to adopt a code of professional conduct for its licensees, and requires engineers and land surveyors to provide clients with a written contract.

### Chapter 976 Statutes of 2000

### SB 1306 Senate Business & Professions

### **Board: Sunset Extension**

Extends the sunset date for the Board by one year to 2001.

### Chapter 656 Statutes of 1999

### SB 1307 Senate Business & Professions

#### **Board Issues**

Establishes a retired license category for Board licensees, and makes other changes.

### Chapter 983 Statutes of 1999

#### SB 1563 Leslie

### **Land Surveyor Licensing Qualifications**

Requires land surveyor applicants to have at least two years of either postsecondary education or experience, or a combination of both, in land surveying for admission to the first division licensing examination. Also, requires county recorders to provide land surveyors with filing data within 10 days of the filing of a map.

### Chapter 678 Statutes of 2000

### SB 1863 Senate Business & Professions

#### **Land Surveying**

Revises the manner in which land surveyors and civil engineers prepare maps and plats.

### Chapter 1054 Statutes of 2000

#### SB 2030 Figueroa

### **Board: Sunset Review**

Extends the sunset date for the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors by one year until 2002, requires the Department of Consumer Affairs to review the regulatory scheme for engineering specialties, and makes other related changes.

### Chapter 1006 Statutes of 2000

### (13) GEOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS, BOARD FOR

SB 2028 Figueroa

### **Board: Sunset Review**

Chapter 393
Statutes of 2000

Extends the sunset date for the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists by four years to 2005. This statute also establishes a name change for the Board and makes technical changes to the sunset law.

### (14) GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND, BOARD OF

SB 1307 Senate Business & Professions

### **Board Issues**

Chapter 983 Statutes of 1999

Clarifies that the Board is not a party to a dispute between a guide dog user and a guide dog school.

### (15) HEARING AID DISPENSERS BUREAU

AB 545 Pacheco, Rob

### **Hearing Aid Dispensers**

Chapter 440 Statutes of 1999

Transfers the powers and duties of the Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and establishes the Hearing Aid Dispensers Advisory Commission within the jurisdiction of the Department.

AB 2697 Cardoza

#### **Bureau Issues**

Chapter 277
Statutes of 2000

This Department of Consumer Affairs sponsored law is clean-up legislation to Assembly Bill 545 (Pacheco, C. 440, Statutes 1999), which established a Hearing Aid Dispensers Advisory Commission. Specifically, this statute: 1) recasts the Commission as the Hearing Aid Dispensers Advisory Committee; 2) makes the governance of the Hearing Aid Dispenser Bureau consistent with Department programs; 3) clarifies the functional relationship between the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Bureau, and the Committee; and 4) requires the Governor to appoint the bureau chief.

# (16) HOME FURNISHINGS AND THERMAL INSULATION, BUREAU OF

AB 1520 Leach

### **Bunk Beds**

Chapter 920 Statutes of 1999

Enacts the Bunk Bed Safety Act of 1999 (Act). The Act prohibits the manufacture, sale, lease, sublease or retrofit of bunk beds that do not conform to the State's modified American Society of Testing Materials standard. Non-compliant bunk beds made prior to January 1, 2000 must have a sticker disclosing that they do not comply with the prescribed safety standard.

AB 1711 Leach

### Bunk Beds

Chapter 6 Statutes of 2000

As clean-up legislation to AB 1520, conforms state and federal law to

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allow the sale of bunk beds in California that meet both federal and state safety standards.

**AB 1866** Dutra

### **Mattress Fire Safety**

Would have required mattresses manufactured after January 1, 2003, which are for sale in California, to meet open flame resistance standards established by the Department of Consumer Affairs Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation.

Held in Senate **Appropriations** Committee

SB 2070 Schiff

### **Fire Safe Cigarettes**

Would have required the State Fire Marshal to develop, by January 1, 2002, fire safety standards (self-extinguishing and cooler burning) for cigarettes sold, offered for sale, or manufactured in California.

Held in Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

Chapter 982 Statutes of 1999

### (17) LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

**AB 1678** Assembly Consumer **Protection** 

SB 1863

Senate

**Professions** 

### **Committee Issues**

Makes a technical change to the contract provisions for landscape architects.

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### **Landscape Architects: Licensing**

Increases penalties and fines for unlicensed practice by architects and landscape architects, deletes the provisions allowing temporary certificates to out-of-state landscape architects, and allows the Landscape Architects Technical Committee to waive the written examination requirement under specified conditions.

Statutes of 2000

Chapter 1054

### (18) MEDICAL BOARD

**AB 58** Davis

### **HMOs: Medical Directors: California Licensure**

Please see AB 58 on page 10 for summary.

**AB 265 Davis** 

### **Energy Rate Cost Cap**

Prior to being amended, would have raised licensing fees for physicians. In its final form, the statute deals with energy issues.

**AB 271** Gallegos

### **Cosmetic Surgery/Outpatient Surgery**

Enacts the Cosmetic and Outpatient Surgery Patient Protection Act, which, among other things, requires physicians performing cosmetic surgery to carry malpractice insurance, establishes minimum staffing levels, and requires physicians to report patients deaths or serious hospitalizations to the Medical Board of California.

**AB 552** Thompson

### **Outpatient Surgery: General Anesthesia**

Please see AB 552 on page 33 for summary.

**Not Relevant** 

Vetoed

Chapter 944 Statutes of 1999

Chapter 177 Statutes of 1999

### AB 791 Thomson

### **Pain Management Training**

Chapter 403 Statutes of 1999

Adds pain management and end-of-life care to the curriculum requirements for persons entering medical school on or after June 1, 2000, and requires health facilities to include pain as an item to be assessed at the same time as patient vital signs are taken.

#### AB 1558 Wildman

### **Practice of Medicine: Unprofessional Conduct**

Chapter 922 Statutes of 1999

Requires a physician and surgeon who collects biological specimens for clinical testing to ensure that those specimens are secured in a locked container when placed in a public location. The statute authorizes the Medical Board of California to impose a fine of up to \$1,000 for a violation of these provisions.

### AB 1820 R. Wright

### **Curriculum Requirements**

Chapter 440 Statutes of 2000

Requires specified instruction in geriatrics for medical students.

### AB 2018 Thomson

### **Triplicate Prescriptions**

Chapter 1092 Statutes of 2000

Simplifies the triplicate prescription monitoring system for Schedule II drugs. The bill was drastically narrowed from a prior version that would have eliminated written triplicate prescriptions.

#### AB 2240 Bates

### **Electronic Prescriptions**

Chapter 293
Statutes of 2000

Eliminates the requirement that electronically transmitted prescriptions for non-controlled substances be reduced to a written or hard copy form. Also, authorizes prescribers and pharmacists to enter prescriptions for non-controlled substances and hospital drug orders into a pharmacy's or hospital's computer from any location.

### AB 2394 Firebaugh

### **Cultural and Linguistic Competency Task Force**

Chapter 802 Statutes of 2000

Establishes the Task Force on Culturally and Linguistically Competent Physicians and Dentists to be chaired by the Directors of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Department of Health Services. The task force is required, among other things, to develop recommendations for a continuing education program for physicians and dentists. Also, establishes a subcommittee of the task force to study the feasibility of establishing a pilot program that would allow Mexican and Caribbean-licensed physicians and dentists to practice in nonprofit community health centers in California's medically underserved areas.

### AB 2571 Campbell

### Physicians: Disciplinary Actions

Chapter 269 Statutes of 2000

Provides an exemption from existing law that places a statute of limitations on disciplinary actions taken by the Medical Board. Specifically provides that the statute of limitations does not apply when a physician intentionally conceals his or her incompetence, gross negligence, or repeated negligent acts.

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### SB 349 Figueroa

### Health Coverage: Psychiatric Emergency Services and Care

Chapter 544
Statutes of 1999

Please see SB 349 on page 12 for summary.

### SB 370 Burton

#### **Abortion**

Chapter 692 Statutes of 2000

Repeals three obsolete Penal Code sections relating to abortion and clarifies that any person who performs or assists in performing an abortion without a valid license to practice medicine is subject to criminal penalties under the Medical Practice Act.

#### SB 433 Johnson

### **Child Custody Evaluators/Investigators**

Chapter 932 Statutes of 1999

Requires the Judicial Council to establish the education, experience, and training requirements for court-appointed child custody investigators by January 2002, and requires child custody evaluators, after January 1, 2005, to be licensed psychiatrists, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, clinical social workers, or evaluators certified by the courts.

### SB 450 Speier

### **Cosmetic Surgery: Advertising**

Chapter 631 Statutes of 1999

Requires physicians and surgeons who use the term "board certified" to cite the source of their certification; requires the Medical Board of California to develop appropriate guidelines for liposuction; and waives licensure renewal fees for physicians who provide only volunteer, unpaid services.

#### SB 585 Chesbro

#### **Clinical Laboratory Exams**

#### Chapter 70 Statutes of 1999

Please see SB 585 on page 34 for summary.

### SB 595 Speier

### **Outpatient Surgery/Cosmetic Surgery**

Failed in Assembly Appropriations Committee

Would have required the Medical Board to adopt a new standard that subjects outpatient surgery settings to accreditation requirements; and established a more stringent standard in the event the Board did not act by 11/01/00. Also, would have prohibited the use of anesthesia in outpatient settings except as authorized by Board regulations.

### SB 835 Figueroa

### **Cosmetic Surgery: Education and Training**

Vetoed

Would have enacted the Cosmetic Surgery Patient Disclosure Act, which would have required physicians who perform cosmetic surgery to provide the Medical Board with specified information, including training, board certifications, and number of procedures performed. The bill also would have required the Board to make this information available to the public upon request, and post the information on the Internet.

### SB 836 Figueroa

### Referral Services: Advertising

Chapter 856 Statutes of 1999

Revises and expands the prohibition against fraudulent advertising by health care professionals.

### SB 837 Figueroa

### **Cosmetic Surgery**

## Withdrawn by Author

Would have required physicians to perform cosmetic surgery only in a licensed general acute care hospital or specified outpatient setting. Also, would have required that the Medical Board adopt regulations to implement these provisions and to make recommendations to the Legislature on cosmetic procedures found to be safe.

SB 1045 Murray

### Medical Board Fee Increase/Cost Recovery Cap

Withdrawn by **Author** 

Would have increased physician licensing fees, and placed a cap of \$12,500 on the amount of cost recovery to be collected by the Medical Board from a physician found in violation of the Medical Practice Act.

**SB 1308** Senate **Business &** 

**Professions** 

**Board Issues** 

Chapter 655 Statutes of 1999

Makes numerous changes to the Board's licensing and enforcement authority.

SB 1479 **Figueroa**  **Midwives** 

Chapter 303 Statutes of 2000 Expands the disclosures that a midwife is required to make to a client

related to liability coverage, arrangements for the transfer of care, complaint reporting procedures, and the statutory parameters of a midwife's licensed authority.

SB 1554 Senate

**Board Issues** 

Chapter 836 Statutes of 2000

Makes numerous changes to the Board's licensing authority and **Business &** Diversion Program for licensees with substance abuse problems. **Professions** 

**SB 1630** Hayden

Reproductive Technology

Vetoed

Would have provided for the regulation of physicians and health facilities that perform assisted reproductive technology.

**SB 1828** Speier

**Internet Prescriptions** 

Chapter 681 Statutes of 2000

Prohibits the furnishing of drugs over the Internet without a prior medical examination, medical indication, or prescription.

SB 2100 Vasconcellos **Alternative Practices** 

Chapter 660 Statutes of 2000

Requires the Medical Board and the Osteopathic Medical Board to establish disciplinary policies and procedures related to alternative practices and treatments in medicine. Also, requests that the University of California assist the Governor and Legislature in preparing relevant information, analyses, and recommendations relating to alternative health, focusing on cancer treatments and therapies.

### (19) NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS, BUREAU OF

SB 1981 Leslie

**Nursing Home Administrators** 

Withdrawn by Author

Would have required the nursing home administrator licensing exam to be offered four times a year, rather than once; authorized provisional licenses to be granted to out-of-state administrators that met certain criteria; and increased national and state examination fees.

### (20) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, BOARD OF

### SB 1046 Murray

### **New Licensing Program**

Chapter 697 Statutes of 2000

Creates a new Board of Occupational Therapy within the Department of Consumer Affairs to license and regulate occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in California.

#### Vetoed

#### SB 1287 Murray

### Occupational Therapists

Would have, effective July 1, 2000, provided for the licensure of occupational therapists and certification of occupational therapy assistants by the Board of Occupational Therapy within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

### (21) OPTOMETRY, BOARD OF

#### AB 58 Davis

### **HMOs: Medical Directors: California Licensure**

Vetoed

Please see AB 58 on page 10 for summary.

#### SB 929 Polanco

### **Optometry Scope of Practice**

### Chapter 676 Statutes of 2000

Expands the scope of practice for optometrists, amends the list of topical pharmaceutical agents that can be used by certified optometrists, repeals the Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agent Advisory Committee, and allows unlicensed assistants to perform additional duties under the direct responsibility of a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist.

### (22) OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL BOARD

#### SB 1636 Poochigian

#### **Board Issues**

#### Chapter 197 Statutes of 2000

Authorizes the Osteopathic Medical Board to adopt a citation and fine program and makes other related changes.

### SB 2031 Figueroa

### Sunset Review

#### Vetoed

Would have placed the Osteopathic Medical Board under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs, increased the Board's public members from two to four, and established a Board sunset review date of 2003. The Legislature would have appointed the new public members. Also, would have established a sunset review date of 2001 for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

#### SB 2034 Figueroa

#### **Various Boards: Sunset Review**

#### Chapter 199 Statutes of 2000

Establishes a sunset review date of 2001 for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and 2003 for the Osteopathic Medical Board.

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### (23) PHARMACY, BOARD OF

AB 58 Davis

### **HMOs: Medical Directors: California Licensure**

Vetoed

Please see AB 58 on page 10 for summary.

AB 261 Lempert

### **Pharmacists**

Chapter 375 Statutes of 1999

Expands the conditions in which a pharmacist can perform certain procedures or functions, including adjusting drug regimens, as part of the care provided to a patient. Also, requires that certain procedures be performed in accordance with written, patient-specific protocol, and that patient medical records be available to both the patient's prescriber and the pharmacist.

AB 751 Gallegos

### **Dangerous Drugs and Devices**

Chapter 350 Statutes of 2000

Makes it a misdemeanor for any person to illegally furnish any material represented as, or presented in lieu of, any dangerous drug or dangerous device. Also, extends the authority of local health officers to take action against unlicensed persons dispensing or furnishing prescription drugs. **Urgency Statute Effective 09/08/00** 

AB 1430 Bates

### **Prescriptions: Electronic Transmission**

Vetoed

Among other things, would have 1) permitted prescribers, prescribers' agents, and pharmacists to enter prescriptions and orders directly into a pharmacy or hospital computer; 2) provided that a pharmacy would not be required to reduce data or image electronic prescriptions to writing or to hard copy form; and 3) repealed existing law which requires the reporting of out-of-state controlled substance transactions to the Attorney General within 24 hours.

AB 1496 Olberg

### Home Medical Device Retail Facilities: New Licensing Program

Chapter 837 Statutes of 2000

Transfers the regulation of medical device retailers from the Board of Pharmacy to a newly created licensing category within the Department of Health Services for home medical device retail facilities.

AB 1545 Correa

### Prescription Labeling

Chapter 914
Statutes of 1999

Requires a pharmacist to list the name of a dispensing nurse practitioner or physician on the label of a prescription. Requires the Board of Pharmacy to notify the Board of Registered Nursing and Physician Assistant Committee of prescription complaints related to their licensees.

AB 2018 Thomson

### **Triplicate Prescriptions**

Chapter 1092 Statutes of 2000

Simplifies the triplicate prescription monitoring system for Schedule II drugs. The bill was drastically narrowed from a prior version that would have eliminated written triplicate prescriptions.

AB 2240 Bates

### Electronic Prescriptions

Chapter 293 Statutes of 2000

Eliminates the requirement that electronically transmitted

prescriptions for non-controlled substances be reduced to a written or hard copy form. Also, authorizes prescribers and pharmacists to enter prescriptions for non-controlled substances and hospital drug orders into a pharmacy or hospital computer from any location.

#### SB 188 Leslie

### **Prescriptions: Outpatient Dispensing**

Allows specified licensed rural hospitals to dispense drugs to certain outpatients of the hospital if a retail pharmacy is not reasonably available to the patient; clarifies that the quantity of drugs dispensed on an outpatient basis shall not exceed a 72-hour supply; deletes provisions stating that a physician shall not be criminally liable for an unknowing or unwilling violation of the outpatient dispensing rules; requires the Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations establishing conditions to permit the temporary absence of a pharmacist for breaks and lunch periods, as specified, without closing the pharmacy.

### Chapter 900 Statutes of 1999

#### SB 651 Burton

### **Registered Pharmacists**

Provides that a person employed in the practice of pharmacy may not be subject to any exemption from coverage under wage orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission unless s/he individually meets the criteria established for professional employees; prohibits the Board of Pharmacy from adopting or amending any rule or regulation that would conflict with the above provision; and requires that the pharmacist reimbursement for each prescription claim through the Medi-Cal Program be increased as specified.

### Chapter 190 Statutes of 1999

### SB 816 Escutia

### <u>Dispensing of Drugs: Physician Assistants and Nurse</u> Practitioners

Revises existing provisions of law which permit nurse practitioners and physician assistants to furnish prescription drugs under the supervision of a physician to clarify that it is a prescribing activity for purposes of registering with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

### Chapter 749 Statutes of 1999

### SB 838 Figueroa

#### **Pharmacy Law**

Allows the Board of Pharmacy to register a nonresident pharmacy that is organized as a limited liability company in the state in which it is licensed.

### Chapter 73 Statutes of 1999

#### SB 1308 Senate Business & Professions

#### **Board Issues**

Among other things, extends the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System by three years to 2003 and makes changes to the Board's licensing and enforcement authority.

### Chapter 655 Statutes of 1999

### SB 1339 Figueroa

### **Medication Errors**

Establishes a quality assurance program requirement for pharmacies to help reduce medication errors, and requires the Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations to establish program specifications.

### Chapter 677 Statutes of 2000

### SB 1554 Senate Business & Professions

#### **Board Issues**

Makes various changes to the pharmacy law.

### Chapter 836 Statutes of 2000

SB 1828 Speier

### **Internet Prescriptions**

Prohibits the furnishing of drugs over the Internet without a prior medical examination, medical indication, or prescription.

Chapter 681 Statutes of 2000

### (24) PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

SB 1600 Burton

### Physical Therapy Scope of Practice

Addresses a scope of practice issue for physical therapists by permanently authorizing them to perform electromyography (EMG) for the purpose of evaluating neuromuscular performance, provided they are certified by the Physical Therapy Board of California.

Chapter 427 Statutes of 2000

### (25) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE

AB 1545 Correa

### **Prescription Authority**

Permits a physician assistant to sign for the delivery or receipt of complimentary drugs. Requires the Board of Pharmacy to notify the Physician Assistant Committee of complaints against a physician assistant related to prescription dispensing.

Chapter 914 Statutes of 1999

SB 585 Chesbro

### **Clinical Laboratory Exams**

Please see SB 585 on page 34 for summary.

Chapter 70 Statutes of 1999

SB 816 Escutia

#### <u>Dispensing of Drugs: Physician Assistants and Nurse</u> Practitioners

This statute revises existing provisions of law which permit nurse practitioners and physician assistants to furnish prescription drugs under the supervision of a physician to clarify that it is a prescribing activity for purposes of registering with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

Chapter 749 Statutes of 1999

SB 1554 Senate Business & Professions

#### **Board Issues**

Clarifies the qualification standards for supervisors of physician assistants.

Chapter 836 Statutes of 2000

SB 1852 Alpert

### Medical Assistant Supervision

Would have permitted nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants to supervise medical assistants in specified licensed clinics.

Withdrawn by Author

SB 1861 Hayden

### **Physician Assistant Training Program**

Would have required the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to implement a primary care physician assistant training program for international medical graduates, and provided ten scholarships for students enrolled in physician assistant programs.

Failed in Assembly Appropriations Committee

### (26) PODIATRIC MEDICINE, BOARD OF

**AB 58 Davis**  **HMOs: Medical Directors: California Licensure** 

Vetoed

Please see AB 58 on Page 10 for summary.

**AB 1252** Wildman Licensing Fees: Workers' Compensation: Doctors of Podiatric Medicine

Chapter 977 Statutes of 1999

Increases the number of doctors required to serve on the Industrial Medial Council (IMC) and requires that a podiatrist and an acupuncturist serve on the IMC. Increases, until January 1, 2002, the biennial renewal fee for practicing podiatric medicine from \$800 to

\$900.

**AB 2888** 

**Board Issues Assembly** 

Chapter 568 Statutes of 2000

Consumer **Protection**  Clarifies the permissable terms that may be used in a fictitious business name for a licensed podiatrist's practice, and makes other changes.

Chapter 655

**SB 1308** Senate **Business & Professions**  **Board Issues** 

Makes two minor technical changes to the podiatric medicine law.

Statutes of 1999

SB 1554 Senate Business & **Board Issues** 

Chapter 836 Statutes of 2000

Requires the Board to disclose various disciplinary information such **Professions** 

as malpractice judgments and arbitration awards.

### (27)PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, BUREAU FOR

**AB 400** Lempert

### **Psychology: Approved Schools**

Chapter 625 Statutes of 2000

Generally requires psychology applicants to attend an accredited, rather than approved, school unless certain criteria are met. Allows applicants to attend an approved school only if the school was approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Vocational Education before July 1, 1999.

**AB 1898** Wright R

### **Security Guard Training Facilities**

Chapter 273 Statutes of 2000

Transfers regulation of facilities that train private patrol operators and security guards from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education to the Bureau of Security and Investigative

Services.

SB 2028 **Figueroa** 

#### **Bureau: Sunset Extension**

Chapter 393 Statutes of 2000

Extends the sunset date for the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education by one year to 2002.

### (28) PSYCHOLOGY, BOARD OF

AB 58 Davis **HMOs: Medical Directors: California Licensure** 

Vetoed

Please see AB 58 on page 10 for summary.

AB 400 Lempert Psychology: Approved Schools

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Generally requires psychology applicants to attend an accredited, rather than approved, school unless certain criteria are met. Allows applicants to attend an approved school only if the school was approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Vocational

Education before July 1, 1999.

AB 416 Machado **Medical Information Disclosure** 

Prohibits the release of patient's participation in outpatient psychotherapy information by a health care provider unless the party requesting the information submits a formal request, as specified.

AB 1144 Aanestad **Psychology: Prescription Authority** 

Would have granted prescription authority to psychologists who have completed the Department of Defense Psychopharmacology training program.

SB 433 Johnson **Child Custody Evaluators/Investigators** 

Please see SB 433 on page 29 for summary.

SB 809 O"Connell **Disciplinary Actions: Statute of Limitations** 

Requires the Board of Psychology to file accusations against psychologists within three years after discovery of the act or omission alleged as grounds for disciplinary action, or within seven years after the act or omission occurs, whichever occurs first. Also, specifies that the aforementioned statute of limitations does not apply to accusations alleging procurement of a license by fraud or misrepresentation, and that when an allegation involves a minor, the seven-year time limit shall not begin until the minor reaches the age

of majority.

SB 1308 Senate Business & Professions **Board Issues** 

Makes numerous changes to the Board's licensing and enforcement authority, including requiring Internet disclosure of licensee information.

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SB 1554 Senate Business & Professions

**Board Issues** 

Among other things, permanently authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against licensees for sexual misconduct.

Chapter 527

Statutes of 1999

Chapter 625 Statutes of 2000

Withdrawn by Author

Chapter 932 Statutes of 1999

Chapter 459 Statutes of 1999

Chapter 655 Statutes of 1999

Chapter 836 Statutes of 2000

### (29) REGISTERED NURSING, BOARD OF

#### AB 285 Corbett

### Telephone Medical Advice Services

Requires the newly created Telephone Medical Advice Services Bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs to register in-state and out-of-state businesses that provide telephone medical advice services to patients.

#### Chapter 535 Statutes of 1999

#### AB 394 Kuehl

### **Health Facilities: Nursing Staff**

Prohibits general acute care hospitals, acute psychiatric hospitals, and special hospitals from assigning unlicensed personnel to perform nursing functions in lieu of a registered nurse. Requires the Department to adopt regulations establishing minimum licensed nurse-to-patient ratios and to coordinate with the Board to ensure that staffing ratios are consistent with Board-approved nursing education requirements. And, requires a county hospital to be subjected to a phase-in process developed in conjunction with the Department.

### Chapter 945 Statutes of 1999

#### AB 1545 Correa

### Prescription Authority

Allows a nurse practitioner, in limited settings, to dispense drugs and makes related changes to the dispensing of prescription drugs. Requires the Board of Registered Nursing and the Physician Assistant Committee to investigate complaints involving serious bodily injury due to the dispensing of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices by a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant.

### Chapter 914 Statutes of 1999

### AB 2888 Assembly Consumer Protection

#### **Board Issues**

Adds clinical nurse specialists to the jurisdiction of the Board of Registered Nursing,

## Chapter 568 Statutes of 2000

### SB 308 Escutia

#### Nurses

Effective July 22, 1999, indefinitely extends the collection of the \$5 assessment fee by the Board, renames the Minority Health Professions Education Foundation and the Minority Health Professions Education Fund as the Health Professions Education Foundation and the Health Professions Education Fund, respectively, and makes other technical changes to existing law.

### Chapter 149 Statutes of 1999

#### SB 585 Chesbro

### **Clinical Laboratory Exams**

Please see SB 585 on page 34 for summary.

#### Chapter 70 Statutes of 1999

#### SB 816 Escutia

### <u>Dispensing of Drugs: Physician Assistants and Nurse</u> <u>Practitioners</u>

Revises existing provisions of law that permit nurse practitioners and physician assistants to furnish prescription drugs under the supervision of a physician to clarify that it is a prescribing activity for purposes of registering with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

### Chapter 749 Statutes of 1999

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SB 1308 Senate Business & Professions

### **Diversion Program**

Chapter 655 Statutes of 1999

Makes changes to the Board's Diversion Program for licensees with substance abuse problems.

SB 1852 Alpert

### **Medical Assistant Supervision**

Withdrawn by Author

Would have permitted nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants to supervise medical assistants in specified licensed clinics.

### (30) RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

SB 809 O'Connell

### **Disciplinary Actions: Statute of Limitations**

Chapter 459 Statutes of 1999

Requires the Respiratory Care Board to file accusations against respiratory care therapists within three years after discovery of the act or omission alleged as grounds for disciplinary action, or within seven years after the act or omission occurs, whichever occurs first. Also, specifies that the aforementioned statute of limitations does not apply to accusations alleging procurement of a license by fraud or misrepresentation, and that when an allegation involves a minor, the seven-year time limit shall not begin until the minor reaches the age of majority.

### (31) SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES, BUREAU OF

AB 341 Cox

### Security Professionals: Criminal Background Check

Chapter 318 Statutes of 1999

Requires all applicants for licensure as a security professional to undergo a criminal history check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This requirement applies to security guards, private patrol operators, private investigators, locksmiths, repossessors and their employees and alarm company operators and their agents, and ensures that persons convicted of federal crimes and state crimes outside of California are screened and denied a license, if appropriate. Certain active duty peace officers and reserve officers are exempted from these requirements. The statute includes a \$3 fee to pay for Bureau of Security and Investigative Services administrative costs.

AB 512 Maddox

### **Department of Motor Vehicles Records: Access**

Vetoed

This bill would have authorized access to confidential residential records held by the Department of Motor Vehicles for private investigators and process servers. Use of the information would have been limited to process serving or to assist in an investigation to obtain evidence. The information would have been obtained only through a registered DMV vendor.

AB 671 Campbell

### "Mystery Shoppers" Licensure Exemption

Chapter 123 Statutes of 1999

Exempts "mystery shoppers" from licensure as private investigators. Proponents successfully argued that mystery shoppers do not present a threat to consumers and the stringent licensure requirements including 6,000 hours of experience, are excessive for this type of work.

### AB 1898 Wright R

### **Security Guard Training Facilities**

Transfers regulation of facilities that train private patrol operators and security guards from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education to the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

Chapter 273
Statutes of 2000

### AB 1985 Leach

### **Private Investigators**

Requires the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services within the Department of Consumer Affairs to 1) issue durable pocket identification cards; 2) allow for enhanced reciprocity for out-of-state licensees; and 3) recognize investigation experience obtained at a public defenders' office.

Chapter 216 Statutes of 2000

### AB 2888 Assembly Consumer Protection

#### **Bureau Issues**

Makes various changes to the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services' authority over locksmiths, repossessors, security guards, and alarm companies.

### Chapter 568 Statues of 2000

### SB 378 Kelley

### **Repossession Services: Regulation**

Creates a biennial renewal and reduces renewal fees by 25 percent for repossession agencies. Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Corporations and the Department of Financial Institutions to cooperate with the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) to enforce the provisions of the Collateral Recovery Act. Clarifies that repossessors may use registered independent contract employees, and that impound fees may only be charged to the registered owner of the vehicle. Additionally, the statute exempts repossessors from carrying equipment required of tow truck operators.

Chapter 456 Statutes of 1999

### SB 747 Burton

### **Peace Office Training: Course Approval**

Transfers responsibility for approving tear gas training for private investigators, private patrol operators, and private security guards from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. Also requires that examinations given during the POST training courses include standardized qualifying examinations and that the results of the examinations be confidential.

Chapter 852 Statutes of 1999

### SB 832 Committee on Public Safety

#### **Peace Officer Training**

Makes technical, conforming and non-substantive changes to various sections of the Penal Code, and eliminates incorrect code references to reflect that responsibility for approving tear gas training for private investigators, private patrol operators, and security guards rests with the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services and not the Commission of Peace Officers Standards and Training.

### Chapter 853 Statutes of 1999

#### SB 1163 Ortiz

### Security Officers and Security Guards: Licensure Exemption

Authorizes police departments to train and employ security officers used to secure city property and facilities. This statute is intended to give police departments the authority already granted to sheriff's

Chapter 112 Statutes of 1999 offices to employ security officers. These security officers are exempt from licensure as security guards with the Department of Consumer Affairs.

#### SB 1206 Perata

### **Private Bicycle Registration Services**

Vetoed

Would have required the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) to license private bicycle security providers (BSP). These BSPs would have been authorized to register bicycles and provide local law enforcement access to the collected registration data via the Internet. The BSIS would have also been charged with monitoring "service standards for Internet bicycle registration and data collection," to ensure uniformity, access by law enforcement, and confidentiality of information provided by bike registrants.

### SB 1252 Peace

### **Private Security Services**

Chapter 665 Statutes of 1999

Requires licensed private patrol operators whose primary office is located outside of California to maintain an office in this state and to maintain at that office all records required under law governing private security services.

### SB 2123 Figueroa

### **Security Guards: Temporary Permits**

Chapter 683 Statutes of 2000

This Department of Consumer Affairs-sponsored law ensures compliance with the state's security guard registration requirements by requiring security guard employers to immediately forward the required documentation and fees to the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. In addition, the bill increases the penalties for failure to comply with the requirement, and eliminates temporary registration for security guards as of June 30, 2003.

# (32) SMOG CHECK PROGRAM (see also Bureau of Automotive Repair)

#### AB 809 Lowenthal

### Smog Impact Fee Refunds

Chapter 31 Statutes of 2000

Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to locate and notify those persons who paid the \$300 smog impact fee of their eligibility for a full refund, plus interest.

#### AB 1105 Jackson

### Smog Check Program: Exemptions and Repair Assistance

Chapter 67 Statutes of 1999

Expands the exemption in place for vehicles 4 or less years old to vehicles that are 6 or less years old and also subjects those vehicles to the \$4 annual smog abatement fee. The statute also subjects specified other vehicles exempted from the biennial smog check requirement to the \$4 annual smog abatement fee. This statute raises the repair assistance income threshold level to 185% of the federal poverty level. The statute also expands the repair assistance program to owners of motor vehicles that are directed to a test-only facility and fail the smog check inspection. The statue authorizes the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) within the Department of Consumer Affairs to increase its contribution toward the repair of a motor vehicle under the program. This statute authorizes BAR to specify the amount of money that shall

be paid to an owner of a high polluting motor vehicle who voluntarily retires the vehicle. The statute also declares the intent of the Legislature that, if the \$300 smog impact fee imposed on motor vehicles previously registered in another state is ruled unconstitutional or unenforceable by an appellate court or the California Supreme Court, the repair assistance program and any voluntary vehicle retirement program implemented by the Department shall not be supported through the General Fund.

#### SB 215 Karnette

### **Smog Impact Fee Refunds**

Repeals the \$300 smog impact fee and appropriates over \$665 million from the General Fund of California for refunding this fee.

Statutes of 2000

Chapter 32

### SB 1056 Johannessen

### **Smog Check Program: Study**

Requires the California Air Resources Board to review and assess the potential cost-effectiveness of specified emissions reduction devices that are intended for installation in light-duty motor vehicles and to consider the results of that assessment in determining whether an emission reduction device is a cost-effective means of emission reduction, as compared to vehicle retirement programs.

### Chapter 209 Statutes of 1999

#### SB 1058 Johannessen

#### **Vehicle Retirement Programs**

Would have allowed dismantlers to resell or reuse specified parts off of vehicles purchased and retired by local air quality districts.

### Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

### SB 1288 Murray

### **Smog Check Testing Requirements**

Until January 1, 2002, requires vehicle Smog Check tests every two years, or until the vehicle is sold and registered to a retail buyer, whichever occurs first. The statute also requires the dealer to obtain smog certificates for all vehicles that are offered for retail sale.

### Chapter 355 Statutes of 1999

### SB 1301 Kelley

### **Smog Check Program: Remote Sensing Equipment**

Requires the Department of Consumer Affairs on or before June 30, 2000, as part of a pilot program, to evaluate standards for the operation of remote sensing equipment, evaluate the need to certify individuals who operate that equipment, and evaluate the need to license entities that provide remote sensing services under the direction of the Department.

## Chapter 273 Statutes of 1999

#### SB 1719 Johannessen

### **Smog Check Program: Test-Only Inspections**

Would have allowed vehicles required to obtain their Smog Check certification at a test-only facility to get certified at a Gold Shield test-and-repair station provided the nearest test-only facility is 15 miles from the vehicle owner's home or two or less test-only facilities are operating in the county in which the owner lives.

### Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

#### SB 1811 Johannessen

### Smog Check Inspection Requirements for Kit Cars

Would have exempted specified collector/hobby/kit cars from the Smog Check Program.

#### Vetoed

### (33) SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD

#### **AB 124** Ackerman

### Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board

Chapter 436 Statutes of 1999

Effective January 1, 2001, re-establishes the Board for two years until July 1, 2003. The Board had sunset on July 1, 1999, and was under the Department of Consumer Affair's authority. This statute also makes numerous other changes to the Board's licensing authority.

**AB 2888 Assembly**  **Board Issues** 

Chapter 568 Statutes of 2000

Consumer **Protection**  Adds incompetence and gross negligence as grounds for license

discipline, and makes other changes.

**SB 1308** Senate **Business & Professions**  **Board Issues** 

Chapter 655 Statutes of 1999 Makes purely technical code correction changes to the Board's

statutes.

### (34) STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD

#### **AB 693** Machado

### **Structural Pest Control: Unlicensed Solicitation**

Chapter 257 Statutes of 1999

Allows an unlicensed individual to solicit pest control work on behalf of a registered structural pest control company, under specified conditions; and prohibits a sole proprietorship from practicing structural pest control unless they are registered in accordance with the law.

SB 1307 Senate **Business & Professions**  **Board Issues** 

Chapter 983 Statutes of 1999

Among other things, eliminates the requirement that pest control companies file daily inspection reports with the Board.

**SB 1639** Murray

**Continuing Education** 

Withdrawn by Author

Would have allowed the Structural Pest Control Board to waive its approval fee for continuing education courses that are offered through membership with a professional association.

SB 2033 **Figueroa**  **Board: Sunset Review** 

Chapter 539 Statutes of 2000

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Extends the sunset date for the Structural Pest Control Board by four years to July 1, 2005, and revises the procedure for administering the Structural Pest Control Research Fund.

### (35) SUNSET REVIEW

### SB 2028 Figueroa

### Various Boards/Bureaus: Sunset Review

Chapter 393
Statutes of 2000

Extends the sunset dates for the Athletic Commission and the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists by four years to 2005; and the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education by one year to 2002. This statute also establishes a name change for the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists and makes technical changes to the sunset law.

### SB 2029 Figueroa

### **Contractors State License Board: Sunset Review**

Chapter 1005 Statutes of 2000

Extends the sunset date of the Contractors State License Board for two more years to 2003; adds two additional public members; establishes an independent enforcement program monitor; requires numerous studies; and makes other related changes.

### SB 2030 Figueroa

### **Engineers and Land Surveyors Board: Sunset Review**

Chapter 1006 Statutes of 2000

Extends the sunset date for the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors by one year to 2002, and makes other related changes.

#### SB 2031 Figueroa

### Various Boards: Sunset Review

#### Vetoed

Would have placed the Osteopathic Medical Board under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs, increased the Board's public members from two to four, and established a Board sunset review date of 2003. The Legislature would have appointed the new public members. Also, would have established a sunset review date of 2001 for the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

### SB 2032 Figueroa

### Court Reporters Board: Sunset Review

Chapter 1007 Statutes of 2000

Extends the sunset date for the Court Reporters Board of California for four years to 2005.

### SB 2033 Figueroa

#### Structural Pest Control Board: Sunset Review

Chapter 539 Statutes of 2000

Extends the sunset date for the Structural Pest Control Board by four years to 2005, and revises the procedure for administering the Structural Pest Control Research Fund.

### SB 2034 Figueroa

### Various Boards: Sunset Review

Chapter 199 Statutes of 2000

Establishes a sunset review date of 2001 for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and 2003 for the Osteopathic Medical Board.

### (36) TELEPHONE MEDICAL ADVICE SERVICES BUREAU

#### AB 285 Corbett

### **Telephone Medical Advice Services**

Chapter 535 Statutes of 1999

Establishes state regulation of in-state and out-of-state business entities engaged in the business of providing telephone medical advice services to a patient in California by requiring them to register with the newly created Telephone Medical Advice Services Bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

**AB 2903** Assembly Health

### **Telephone Medical Advice Services**

Chapter 857 Statutes of 2000

Revises the registration requirements for telephone medical advice providers established by AB 285 by requiring registration only for those entities employing or contracting with five or more health care professionals to provide telephone medical advise.

### (37) VETERINARY MEDICINE, BOARD OF

**AB 2042** Briggs

### **Veterinary Medicine: Equine Massage**

Would have exempted persons practicing equine massage from the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act until January 1, 2002, and after that date required equine massage practitioners to become certified and registered with the Veterinary Medical Board.

Failed in Senate Business and **Professions** Committee

AB 2842 Calderon

### **Veterinary Medicine: Foreign Schools**

Would have expanded the veterinary schools approved by the Veterinary Medical Board to include schools approved by specified foreign accrediting organizations.

Failed in Senate **Business and Professions** Committee

SB 490 Kelley

### **Veterinary Medicine Records**

Prohibits a veterinarian from releasing any information concerning the veterinary care of an animal or the person responsible for that animal, with specified exceptions. Specifies that any veterinarian who negligently releases confidential information shall be liable in a civil action for any damages caused by the release of that information. Provides that all information obtained from a dog owner incidental to vaccinating the animal against rabies shall be confidential and may not be used, distributed or released for any other purpose other than to ensure compliance with rabies vaccination laws. Prohibits the sale or distribution of the names and telephone numbers of dog owners who have had their dogs vaccinated against rabies.

Chapter 418 Statutes of 1999

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### **Veterinary Medicine: Continuing Education**

Limits the Veterinary Medical Board's authority to approve continuing education providers and courses, and instead provides for blanket approval of a specified group of providers.

Chapter 995 Statutes of 2000

### (38) VOCATIONAL NURSE AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS, **BOARD OF**

SB 1308 Senate **Business & Professions** 

#### **Board Issues**

Increases various licensing fees and specifies that the Governor is the appointing authority for the additional public member added in 1998.

Chapter 655 Statutes of 1999